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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 52 CARMAN, William, 1790-1841

½ box. 4 folders. 3 items. Originals and photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHY

William Carman was born in 1790 in Caswell County, North Carolina the son of William and Sarah (Quine) Carman. He served in the War of 1812 and fought at New Orleans under General Andrew Jackson. He moved to Graves County, Kentucky in 1821 along with his brothers. Besides being a successful farmer, he served as a teacher. He married Sarah Gifford, and they had eight children. At the time of his death in 1841, William left a 500-acre farm on the on the Meridan Road outside of Mayfield, Kentucky.

COLLECTION NOTES

This collection contains two ciphering books executed by William Carman, a teacher of Graves County, Kentucky. One book is dated October 11, 1815 to December 20, 1816; the other is undated, but evidently of the same period. The ciphering used is the British pound system. A title page done in calligraphy was created for the 1815-1816 volume by Western's penmanship instructor, Gavin G. Craig. At one time the signatures of the first volume were sewn together and attached to a linen cover; all the sewing has been removed. Besides mathematical problems, the book contains beautiful penmanship and occasional drawings. The second ciphering book is limited strictly to mathematical equations and case studies, but again the penmanship is outstanding.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1		1815-1816	4 items
Folder A	Descriptive Inventory		
Folder 1	Ciphering book	1815-1816	1 item

Folder 1a	Ciphering book (photocopy)	1815-1816	1 item
Folder 2	Title page and ciphering book	n.d.	2 item
Folder 2a	Ciphering book (photocopy)	n.d.	1 item

CATALOG CARD

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Ciphering books (2) of Carman, a teacher in Mayfield, Kentucky. One book is dated 1815-1816; the other one is undated, but evidently of the same period. The ciphering used is the British pound system. Title page of one volume is by Gavin G. Craig of WKU's Penmanship Department.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Arithmetic – Books, 1815-1816

Ciphering books, 1815-1816

Craig, Gavin G., 1896-1976

Mathematics – Teachers and teaching, 1815-1816

Mayfield – Teachers and teaching – Mathematics, 1815-1816

Penmanship

Teachers and teaching – Mathematics, 1815-1816

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